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# THE PARADOXISM An introduction

#### 1. DEFINITION

In 1980's a new movement of avant-garde arised in literature, art, philosophy and science. This is based on an excessive use of antinomies, antitheses, contradictions, oxymorons, paradoxes in the creative work at both small level and global level of the creative work.

The goal is the enlargement of the artistic sphere through non-artistic elements. But especially the against-the-hair, counter-time, counter-sense creation. Also, to experiment.

#### 2. HISTORY

The paradoxism started as an anti-totalitarian protest against a closed society, Romania of 1980's, where the whole culture was manipulated by a small group. Only their ideas and their publications counted. We couldn't publish almost anything.

Then, I said: Let's do literature... without doing literature! Let's write... without actually writing anything. How? Simply: object-literature! <The fly of a bird>, for example, represents a **natural poem**, that is not necessary to write down, being more palpable and perceptible in any language than some signs layed on the paper, which, in fact, represent an **artificial poem**: deformed, resulted from a *translation* by the observant of the observed, and by the translation one falsifies. <The cars jingling on the street> was a **city poem**, <peasants mowing> a **disseminationist poem**, <the dream with open eyes> a **surrealist poem**, <foolishly speaking> a **dadaist poem**, <the conversation in Chinese for an ignorant of this language> a **lettrist poem**, <alternating discussions of travelers, in a train station, on different themes> a **post-modern poem** (inter-textualism).

Do you want a vertically classification? Visual poem, sonor poem, olfactory poem, taste poem, tactil poem.

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Another classification in diagonal: phenomenon poem, (soul) status poem, thing poem.

In painting, sculpture similarly - all existed in nature, already fabricated.

Therefore, a mute protest we did!

Later, I based on contradictions. Why? Because we lived in that society a double life: an official one-propagated by the political system, and another one real. In mass-media it was said that "our life is wonderful" but in reality "our life was miserable". The paradox flourishing! And than we took the creation in derision, in inverse sense, in a syncretic way. Thus the paradoxism was born. The folk jokes, at great fashion in Ceausescu's "epoch", as an intellectual breathing, were superb springs.

The "No" and "Anti" from my paradoxist manifestos had a creative character, not at all nihilistic (C.M. Popa). An analysis of paradoxes in literature, art, science, since antiquity until modern era, was done by F. Vasiliu. While I. Soare, M. Barbu studied the paradoxism in my literary work. The passage from paradoxes to paradoxism was documentarily described by T. Popescu in his classical book concerning the movement: "Paradoxism's Aesthetics" (1994).

I didn't have any forerunner to influence me, but I was inspired from the "upside-down situation" that existed in the country. I started from politic, social, and immediately got to literature, art, philosophy, even science.

Through experiments one brings new literary, artistic, philosophical or scientific terms, new procedures, methods or even algorithms of creation. In one of my manifestos I proposed the sense embezzlings, changes from figurative to proper sense, upside-down interpretation of linguistic expressions.

Within 20 years of existence, 25 books and over 200 comentaries have been published about the paradoxism, plus three national and international conferences and a paradoxist tour to literary associations and universities in Brasil (in 1993).

#### 3. FEATURES OF THE PARADOXISM

#The Basic Thesis of the paradoxism: Everything has a meaning and a non-meaning in a harmony each other.

#The essence of the paradoxism:

- a) the sense has non sense,
   and reciprocally
- b) the non-sense has a sense.

#The Motto of the paradoxism:

"All is possible, the impossible too!"

#The Symbol of the paradoxism (a spiral-optic illusion, or vicious circle):



#The delimitation from other avant-gardes:

- the paradoxism has a significance
- while the dadaism, the lettrism, the absurd movement do not;
- the paradoxism especially reveals the contradictions, the anti-nomies, the anti-theses, the contradictions, the antagonism, the non-conformism, the paradoxes in other words of anything (in literature, art, science), while the futurism, cubism, abstractism and all other avant-gardes do not.

#### #The Directions of the Paradoxism:

- to use science methods (especially algoritms) for generating (and studying also) contradictory literary and artistic works:
- to create contradictory literary and artistic works in scientific spaces (using scientific: symbols, meta-language, matrices, theorems, lemmas, etc.).

#### 4. NEW LITERARY TERMS

Through the "paradoxism" the following new literary terms have been introduced:

- a) New types of poetry with fixed form:
  - Paradoxist Distich
  - Tautological Distich
  - Dualistic Distich
  - Paradoxist Tertian
  - Tautological Tertian
  - Paradoxist Quatrain
  - Tautological Quatrain
  - Fractal Poem
- b) New types of short story:
  - Syllogistic Short Story
  - Circular Short Story (F. Smarandache, "Infinite Tale", 1997)
- c) New types of drama:
  - Neutrosophic Drama
  - Sophistic Drama

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- Combinatory Drama = a drama whose scenes are permuted and combined in so many ways producing over a billion of billions of different dramas!

(F. Smarandache, "Upside-Down World", 1993)

#### a) PARADOXIST DISTICHS

As a new type of poetry with fixed form:

The Paradoxist Distich is a two-line poem which contains an antithesis. The second line contradicts the first one, but both lines form together an unitary meaning defining the title.

Here there are seven examples of "paradoxist distichs":

#### PERPETUUM MOBILE

In a stable Instability

GOSSIP

A big Small talk

ENEMY

Helps you to go Wrong

SCAPEGOAT

Even if he didn't He did

#### INSUFFICIENCY

Too much It's still a little bit

BULB

Turns nights Into day

#### CALIFORNIA

A domestic Wild West

Deux examples en français:

#### PERPETUUM MOBILE

Dans un stable Instabilité

#### INDÉCISION

Il est possible Qu'il soit impossible

#### b) TAUTOLOGICAL DISTICHS

As a new type of poetry with fixed form:

The Tautological Distich is an apparently redundant two-line poem, but the 'redundant' lines together give a deeper meaning to the whole poem defining (or making connection with) the title.

Here are the nine examples:

#### AMBITION

When I want something I really want!

#### PERFECTION

Better Than better

#### ATTEMPT

At least try To try

#### USELESS

Too much is Really too much

#### 20/20

I see That I see

#### AXIOMATIZATION(I)

Scientifization Of the scientific

#### AXIOMATIZATION (II)

Geometrization
Of the geometry

#### SCHOPENHAUER:

"I know That I know"

#### IMITATOR

Discovers What others have already discovered

#### c) DUALISTIC DISTICHS

As a new form of poetry with fixed form:

The Dualistic Distich is a two-line poem such that the second line is the dualistic of the first and together they define (or make connection with) the title.

Here there are two examples:

#### CREATION

To live for dying And die for living

#### MULTIDISCIPLINARITY

History of art Or the art of history Please send your paradoxist contributions to the:

"Paradoxism" Journal

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URL: http://www.gallup.unm.edu/~smarandache/ and go down to the Paradoxism's section.

# VIRGINIA RODAS (Argentina)

#### ONWARD

The shadow frames the light

#### TURN AROUND

I die in order to live

#### TO PREVAIL OVER

My life runs over: I gave up everything

#### VASTNESS

There are limits in the limitless

#### AS A VIEWER

Into the multiplicity dwells the Unity

# PAUL HAUGH (Australia)

#### COMMENTED DISTICHS:

#### FORLORN

She loved To hate

Through she'd never admit it, she needed love desperately where she could unwind and let the bitterness flow out of her system. Deep inside was a pityfull yearning for warmth, affection, recognition and romance.

#### TRAIN TRAVEL

I was better off Staying on.

A simple contradiction often used.

#### SUNSHINE

I went out In the sun

Here is a paradox because of the contradiction.

#### **ESCAPE**

He got out In time.

He avoided a difficult situation by leaving quickly.

#### SEEK WARMTH

Come in
Out of the cold.

A suggestion to take shelter out of the cold.

#### WELDING

Out

In the shed we welded.

The antithesis between the first and second lines is clear.

#### INARTICULATE

The speaker Is speechless.

The speaker is over awed by the large audience and can't find his tongue. The harder he tries, the more difficult it becomes. If he relaxes and says whatever comes into his mind he might realise that the people have come to listen to his speech and are unlikely to criticize him

#### MODERATION

Moderation In moderation.

Moderation in all things is balance. If something is overbalanced, it is unstable and is likely to fall. If under balanced or unbalanced it's structure generally unsafe. An unbalanced flywheel for instance will run erratically, be dangerous and cause unnecessary wear. In electronics there are some exceptions. A microfone

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can either be balanced or unbalanced and depending upon the circuitry used either output will work quite satisfactorily. The unbalanced configuration has an earth return. The balenced system is insulated from the frame or earth. Therefore total moderation lacks moderation in moderation!

#### HOLLOW

Full off Emptiness.

A box may appear to be empty. It is in fact full of life, atoms which contain planetary electrons and protons circulating around a nucleus. Everything is in a state of motion. The box is filled with a miniature solar system or microcosm, so the empty box is full to overflowing with movement and is very much alive.

#### SILENCE

THE DEAFENING ROAR Of silence.

In the midst of silence let us pose and listen to the "Still Small Voice". All sorts of whisperings flash into our minds. As feeling is deeper than all thought, events from the past, inspirations, places, desires. Myriad pictures and sounds presents themselves so vividly that we listen in awe to the silence.

#### **FOUL PLAY**

High jacked down the track.

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The person driving the car was accosted by armed thugs and who forced the vehicle at gunpoint to stop. It was downright brutality.

#### **CUTTING REMARKS**

Sharp as a knife Blunt as a cork.

With personal cutting remarks he blountly berated his former friend.

#### HYNOTIC

Fiery words Cold as steel.

Although the poem is contradictory it is also complimentary. Here is a dynamic person who speaks in syllables of fire with his fluid flow of oratory, his hypnotic gaze, flashing eyes, his ability to impart in others with words cold as steel.

# MIETJE VANSINA (Belgium)

#### Philosophy

A normal abnormaly.

Laughing tears.

Quickly going slowly.

A sincere diplomatic insincerity.

A true lie.

Sometimes of a horrible beauty.

Can also be terrifying sweet.

Or friendly insulting.

An uncertain certainty.

Oh, Philosophy.

#### HELENA AMIN (Brasil)

#### Do silêncio

Silêncio Braulho que não tem voz

#### Silence

Silence
Noise that do not have voice

#### Equilibrio

Sedução pelo meio Depois de conhecer os extremos

#### Equilibrium

Seduction from the middle After knowing the extremes

#### Comportamento

O hoje dorme no negro silêncio E aborta com a luz do sol o amanhã

#### Behavior

The day sleeps in the dark silence And aborts with the light of the sun the tomorrow

#### Chama

Luz Basta um sopro e a treva se faz

#### Flame

Light
A whiff is enough and the darkness is made

#### Auto-ajuda

Seja você mesmo naquilo que és E no que não es também

#### Auto-help

Be yourself in the thing that you are And in the thing you aren't too.

#### Ciclo

Cai a folha morta pelo tempo Vida para o chão.

#### Cycle

Fall the dead leath by the weather Life for the floor

#### Eu superior

Do nada que sou Só sei que eu sou

#### Mine superior

From the nothing that I am I just know that I AM

#### Das pedras

Tropeço e queda Ou salto e elevação

#### From the rocks

Stumble and fall or leap and rise

#### Caminho

Os passos levarte-ão a todo lugar E a lugar nenhum

#### The way

The steps will bring you to everywhere And to nowhere

#### Mesmice

O mesmo de sempre E o que não se faz de forma diferente

#### Identical

Always the same It's what you don't do in a different way

#### Lógica Ilógica

Se falo - não calo Se calo - não falo

#### Logic Non-logic

If it says - doesn't shut If shuts - doesn't say

# LUCIO AUTRAN (Brasil)

(translated from Portuguese into English by Ricardo Kubrusly)

## FRAGMENTOS DO POEMA "CENTRO"

O sonho é a antítese da palavra e a matéria do poema. A poesia é a palavra, e sua antítese.

### FRAGMENTS OF THE POEM "CENTRE"

Dream is the antitheses of word and matter of poem. Poetry itself is the word and its antitheses

#### LINGUA (BABEL)

Beijo as línguas mortas que me roçam os ouvidos arrepio do não traduzido

Paradoxo: o som perpetuado no papel mudo e impenetrável petrificado num eco seco

#### TONG (BABEL)

I kiss the dead tongs which graze my ears shiver of untranslated

Paradox: the perpetuated sound in the impenetrable dead paper petrified in a dry echo

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Na tentativa da conquista, de tornar uno o mundo, partiu-se o homem.

No desejo de hegemônico o heterogêneo se espalhou, e da morte da diferença

Restaram as marcas das ruinas, essas cicatrizes que nunca mais se uniram

\* \* \*

Trying to conquer, and make the world one, man split himself.

Wishing the hegemonic the heterogeneous spread out, and from the death of difference

Remains the ruins' marks, these scars that never reunite again.

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#### **PARADOXO**

Conceitos em luta electricidade das diferenças alquimia do impossível. Um materializar-se verdade

#### PARADOX

Concepts in fight
electricity of differences
alchemy of impossible.
Self materialization into possible truth

#### POSSÍVEL POSSIBLE

By Lucio Autran: Error!

Bookmark not defined.

Error! Bookmark not defined.

#### PAULO BAULER

(Brasil)

#### Poetry is:

To get the infinite eternity in just a moment

#### About roses:

Oh! What a beautiful red rose!

Oh! Thorny she is

#### Tell me fast why:

When body rest

Mind request

#### Order:

Someone with all the reasons is Somebody with no reason

#### Political:

The measure of your difference is the same measure of your equality

#### Women in love:

Speak "yeah!"

Saying no

#### Women in sex:

A largest "yeah!" becomes from

A lot of several no, no, no

#### Immediatily

When beautiful maria of my soul turns off the bedside lamp

She turns on my bright fire lamp

#### Prostitutes:

How many she says yes

How much it costs

#### ALCEU BRITO CORREA

(Brasil)

#### Canibals in love

Both are hungry, but one doesn't eat the other one.

#### Amor Canibal

Ambos têm fome mas um não devora o outro.

#### Socrate's Conviction

He always knew that he didn't know anything

#### Convicção Socrática

Ele sempre soube que nunca soube nada.

#### Agnostic

I don't belive in God, so help me, God!

#### Agnóstico

Não creio em Deus, Soccora-me, Deus!

#### A Hard Lawsuit

A witness, neither witness.

#### Causa Perdida

Uma testemunha, nenhuma testemunha.

#### Missing You

I kissed your face kissing the vacuum

#### Saudade

Beijei-te o rosto beijando o espaço vazio.

#### The Obvius

From nothing, nothing.

#### O Óbvio

Do nada, nada.

# MARIA DO CARMO GASPAR DE OLIVEIRA (Brasil)

#### VERSUS

Life is beautiful
We are all sentenced to death

#### **ENERGIES**

I love life too much Sometimes I feel discouraged to live

#### **APPEARANCES**

Laugh a lot
Out of so much fright

#### POVERTY OF SPIRIT

Millionaire
Made a point over cents

#### TO BE HAPPY

She was very ugly But thought herself gorgeous

#### **NIHILISM**

Nothing Is worth nothing

#### VAGRANCY

Work doesn't make one rich Monica Lewinski knows

#### **DISCOVERERS**

Portuguese discovered Brazil Already discovered by Indians

#### DISCOVERY

Scientists discover What nature already knew

#### WAR AND PEACE

Talked a lot about peace But had wars in the heart

# BAL SETHI (Canada)

#### 1. BRIDGE

Connects land that disconnects.

#### 2. DEATH

Make dying an undying event

#### 3. AUTUMN

Flowers deflowered

#### 4. DAUNTLESS

One who braves the fear

#### 5. LOVE

That loves the loveless

#### 6.IMMORTALITY

The dead live on

#### 7. DATED

Timewise undated

#### 8.MARTYR

Deathless Dead for a cause

#### 9. CRISSCROSS

Straight lines gone wayward

#### 10. TRAILS

Outwardly, roads, running inwardly

#### VICTOR CHANGNONE (China)

#### 1. Electric lights

Devised to be turned on And also turned out

#### 2. Door

A device to be opened And also closed

#### 3. Door

Installed for coming in And also going out

#### 4. Bed

To lie down on And to get up out of

#### 5. Enemy

Fails
When we succeed

#### 6. Mortals

All is born To die

#### 7. Guilty

Everyone is born with I hope I die without

- 1. 電 燈 可開也可關的 設計
- 2. 門. 為丁期 也為丁縣
- 3. 門 為了進來 也為了出去
- 4.床 可以睡下 也可以起来
- 5. 敵 人 我們的成功 就是敵人的失敗
- 6. 眾 生 都是為了歷死劫 而生
- 7. 罪 人皆生而有罪 我盼死時是無罪之身

#### **RICHARD CHEEVERS**

(England)

#### PROFESSIONAL PARADOX

Both a post And a scientist

#### WHITE HOUSE CARETAKER

President.

#### HOTEL ROOM PARADOX

"We have only 11 bedrooms:"
"You are in Room 24."

#### ECO FRIENDLY

Rainbow Warrior Green Peace

#### CONSTIPATION

Avoids Voiding.

#### MILTON'S PARADOX

"To be blind is not misery
To be unable to endure it is."

#### REGICIDE

The King is dead Long live the King.

#### REPRODUCTION

Icebergs and Cows Calve.

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#### **TOUCHDOWN**

Swans can only land On Water.

#### **AGNOSTIC**

Irreligious Beliver

#### **URBANJUNGLE**

On a London Street Zebra crossing

#### **OBITUARY**

Scarlett O'Hara
Gone with the Wind

#### **BLAKEIAN CONTRADICTION**

Songs of innocence And experience

#### A. HOLLINS (England)

#### DEMOCRACY

Freedom must rely on the solitude of choice.

#### RELAXATION

Some folk find sweet dreams over a pint of bitter.

#### **AUTUMNAL DISASTER**

An entire pride of lions can go before a fall.

#### POWER

For the people, of the people in the Government.

#### TIME SPAN

Soon is always some time later.

#### DEBL

What is due can owe nothing to good housewifery.

# ASHA MOHAN ASHU (India)

#### **HONORARY**

Office With no salary.

#### DEADLOCK

All action Standstill.

#### COSMOPOLITAN

At home All over the world.

#### **SLANDER**

False report Injures true reputation.

#### VERBOSE

Unnecessary More words.

#### TELL-TALE

Talk about Secrets.

#### STOIC

Different person Indifferent to pleasure or pain.

#### **PLAGIARIST**

Steals from another Offers as own.

# BLASPHEMY

Utter impious Against Pious.

#### PARASITE

Benefit oneself From somebody else's labours.

#### VIGILANCE

To watch
The invisible.

# TRIUMPH

Win to Beat the opponent.

### REMIND

Make remember We keep forgetting.

# SHAME

Hides its face In open nudity.

# REVENCE

Unjust retribution Against law.

# A.S. FRANCIS (India)

# PRECISION

SHORT ENOUGH TO EXCITE CURIOSITY, LONG ENOUGH TO COVER UP EVERYTHING.

# WRITER

WRITES FOR OTHERS TO READ, READS FOR HIM TO WRITE.

# FOOL

WISE ENOUGH TO FOOL OTHERS, FOOLISH ENOUGH TO MAKE OTHERS WISE.

# RULER

FOOLS OTHERS WITH RULES, RULES IN SPLENDOUR FOOLS.

# COOLER

TAKES ALL HEAT IN, GIVES ALL COLD OUT.

# ANURAG GUMASHTA (India)

#### ILLUSION

The truth about lying The lying about truth

#### PERVERSE

Confused self-torment
Decisive masochistic-sadism

#### DREAMS

Volitionally sightless Blind genetics witnesses

#### RIDICULE

Defiling gifts
Appraisal of debauchery

# **QUANDARY**

Hope hopelessly misfit Indeterminate identities

# **ADDICTIONS**

Abused marijuana Used souls misused bodies

#### LOVE

Deceiving intentions Faithful treachery

#### **CHAINS**

Fettared to lust Leering free laughter

#### CITIZEN

Cultivated anonymity Merciful curse

# A.S. JAMUNA (India)

# LOVE IN THE WEST

Consistently Inconsistent

# **ABSENTEES**

Regularly Irregulars

# **BEAUTIFUL WIFE**

Neighbour's Envy Owner's Pride

# SEX

Unity In Diversity

# WHISKY

Hot drinks Drunk cold

# MARRIAGE IN THE WEST

Inconsistently consistent.

# GOODNEIGHBOUR

Detached Attachment

# CRIMINAL

Cleverly cruel

# **NEW MOON**

Conspicuously Inconspicuous

# INDIAN WOMEN

Significantly Insignificant

# ETERNITY

Timeless Time

# DEAREST FRIEND

Enemy's Enemy

# SUPPER

Last Early Meal

# INTIME

Never Early Never Late

# **ALL THE TIMES**

First and Last

# ENLIGHTENMENT

Seeing Non-difference in difference

AJESHN. (India)

# MORTAL LOVE

A static sun In life's aeolian clouds.

# **CREDULITY**

To another life, death Is a Birth.

# **EPITAPH**

"Beyond this tomb croons a paradise - womb".

# BRAHMANANDA NAYAK

(India)

# ILLITERATE

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A blind Having two eyes.

#### INDIA

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A rich With poor people.

GOD

An invisible Omnipresence.

# CONCLUSION \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

It ends

To start more.

# ANNIE POTLIEN (India)

I. INDIA	- A POOR RICH COUNTRY
2. MAN	- Incomplete half of complete whole
3. T.U.	- SMALL BOX EXPOSING LARGE UNIVERSE
4. PEEPING TOM	- VIEWS SCENES CONCEALED TO OTHERS
5. FASHIONS	- DICTATOR OF TRENDS TO SUBMISSIVE
	FOLLOWERS
6. ADOLESCENT	- NEITHER CHILD NOR ADULT
7. KNOWLEDGE	- TURNS IGNORANCE INTO ENLIGHTENMENT
8. SLEEP	- PROLONGED RELAXATION AFTER HECTIC
	WORK
9. MOON	- TRANSFORMS DREARY DAYS INTO
	<b>ENCHANTING NIGHTS</b>
10. FRIEND	- SYMBOL OF TRUST IN A WORLD OF DECEIT
11. LORD JESUS	- HE DIED ON THE CROSS THAT WE MIGHT
	LIVE
12. MEDITATION	- INWARDLY ACTIVE OUT WARDLY PASSIVE
13. MARRIAGE	- Losing space to gain security
14. PRAYER	- TRANSCENDING EARTH IN A BID TO REACH
	HEAVEN
15. SPEECH	- APPARENT COMMUNICATION TO COUNTER
	SILENCE
16. AMBITION	- VISUALISING A SUMMIT FROM A PLAIN
17. MOTHER	- CELEBRATES YOUR JOY MOURNS YOUR
	SORROW
18. SISTER	- TURNS YOUR DISCORD INTO HARMONY
19. CHILD	- GOD'S WONDERFUL GIFT TO MAN
20. MUSIC	- LENDS MEANING TO MEANINGLESS
	EXISTENCES

# B. VENKATESWARA RAO (India)

#### FOUR CLASSES OF PARADOXIST DISTICHS

Any novel idea, whatever may be its nature, can be conveniently preserved in the form of a Paradoxist Distich like a seed of a big Banyan tree, thanks to Florentin Smarandache, the international founder of the paradoxism in 1980.

One needs a quick layout before going into details. In view of the mercurial quickness of brain, one need not stick to a single theme till its completion. Human brain doesn't function in that way. It sometimes thinks of various unrelated things in succession without going deep into any one of them. Unless these flashes are recorded as and when they appear, it would be impossible to trace them back later when the context demands.

Paradoxist Distichs can be broadly put into four classes.

1. Logical definitions - like:

#### ROLLING WHEEL

Infinite feet in succession Involved in walking

#### BICYCLE

Handlebar touches up the balance Steering is to lose it to the side intended

#### WALKING

Both the legs carry the body Taking turns at bearing it

etc.

2. Poetical expressions - like:

#### SPACE

Baseless stadium
Of the burning balls

#### HONEY

Beauty of flowers Translated for tongue

#### MOON

Shivers

In sunbathing etc.

3. Subjective/objective statements - like:

#### LOVE

Lonesome

Company

# DEVOTION

Restless

Tranquillity

#### MARRIAGE

Lovers' paradise

Hell of the flirts

# **BOOK**

One says now

To many a listener forever etc.

4. Satirical statements - like:

# LAWYER

Popular

Among the notorious

#### **GYMNASIUM**

Place to perspire

And to pay for it

#### POLICE

Servant of the rulers

Boss of the ruled etc.

#### MORE PARADOXIST DISTICHS

# LOVE

Lonesome Company

# **PROMISE**

Too fragile To keep

# **OPTIMISM**

Hopeless Hoping

# DEVOTION

Restless Tranquility

# MAN

Boneless Hound

# TOOTHPASTE

Tasty Not for eating

# **POLITICIAN**

Speaks To be silent

# **PROSTITUTION**

Holy Sin

#### DOCTOR

Impatient For patients

#### PATIENT

Dies

To be alive

# ALLOPATHY

Cures the disease

# POLICE

Servant of the rulers Boss of the ruled

# **JOURNALIST**

Knows everything Owns nothing

#### PAST

Always haunts Never to come

#### **FUTURE**

Certaily comes Going to be uncertain

#### PRESENT

Good for the busy Bad for the lazy

#### LOVE

Union In solitude

#### STORY

Artful creation Of harsh reality

#### DEATH

Unpalatable Panacea

#### MONEY

Poor man's medium Goal of the rich

# MARRIAGE

Lover's paradise Hell of the flirts

### **ATHEISM**

Learned Ignorance

# TEENAGE

Sound body Never minds

# CONSCIENCE

God Of atheists

#### SEX

Physical Philosophy

# **BUSINESS**

Greedy Service

# **COMMUNISM**

Dictatorial Democracy

# SECURITY

Be aware of enemies Beware of friends

#### SLEEP

Desirable Daily death

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#### CIVILIZATION

Unnatural enough In Nature

#### **OCEAN**

Bath tub
Of the hot earth

#### **SPACE**

Baseless stadium
Of the burning balls

#### FAME

Worried To be happy with you

# LAWYER

Popular Among the notorious

#### DICTIONARY

Teaches to speak In silence

# MOON

Shivers In sunbathing

#### **SUN**

Blinded by the blazing light Makes the world to see

#### MORNING

Warm welcome For a chilly world

#### NIGHT

Long for the ill The strong feel well

#### **EVENING**

Pleasing to everyone Frightens the homeless

#### LIFE

Accepting
The unexpected

#### SUN

Star

Never seen in the night

#### LADDER

Leaning on a wall Leads to the top

#### FRUIT

Reward offered by the tree
To show\* the seed into the soil

(\*Four letters viz. s - h - o - w)

#### BICYCLE

Handlebar touches up the balance Steering is to lose it to the side intended

# **SWIMMING**

Floating alive in water Without letting the water in

#### AWAITING

A person you never met before is sweeter Than one who promised and proved to be a cheater

#### FEAR

Faithful friend of everyone No one dares to know him

#### MIK

Material manifestation Of maternal love

#### **GYMNASIUM**

Place to perspire And to pay for it

#### WEIGHTLIFTING

Waste of marvellous human muscle power Costs a lot of collective money

#### **BODYGUARD**

Supposed to defend Being ready to attack

#### **BOXING**

Fighting Not against an enemy

#### POET

Spends in thought To empty his heart

#### POETRY

Impressive expression
Of impressions of the world

#### RAINBOW

Drenched in a downpour Sunbeams bow

# DEARSMOKER!

Your smoking is injurious To our health

#### **AEROPLANE**

Bird

That keeps away from trees

#### PISTOL

Outcome of the misuse of an idle brain Warning against its misuse is in vain

#### SUICIDE

Without knowing how it started Resorting to end it in the middle

#### **MONNLESS NIGHT**

Unable to be lit By uncountable suns

#### **FULL MOON**

Never shows
The other half

### INNOCENCE

To know nothing Of the knowing

#### GREEDY

Want more Use less

#### **POLITICS**

Stooping To conquer

# WINDOW

More generous than a wall Door is extravagant

#### PALACE

Meant for one One can't live alone

#### LIGHT

Aimless Traveller

#### BLACKHOLE

Terminal
Of the aimless

#### **NU-BOMB**

Created by man
Destroys the mankind

#### DOG

Faithful
To the faithless

#### HORIZON

Close-up
Of the open world

#### BOOK

One says now To many a listener forever

# **EARTH**

Solace of the restless Restless for solace

# **UNITED STATES**

Too powerful To be fair

#### MONEY

Liberates the needy Enslaves the greedy

#### HONEY

Beauty of flowers Translated for tongue

#### BELOVED

Leaves the lover To live in his heart forever

#### ARTIST(E)

Follows the heart Followed by Art

#### **POPSINGER**

Sings out for applause Swings on listeners' behalf

#### ANGER

Innocent Crime

#### RAIN

Unwonted in a desert Unwanted in the ocean

#### **BRAIN**

Dealing with logic Refrains from feeling

#### **ENVY**

Undesirable Desire

#### SMILE

Symbol of health Wanes in wealth

#### LAUGHING

Healthy at habits Fatal at fortune

#### COW

Non-human victim
Of inhuman civilization

# BEAUTY

Arrests the eyes And liberates the mind

#### GOVERNMENT

Taxes one and all surely Takes care of the poor barely

#### YOUTH

An instant Taken to be eternity

#### HUNGER

Makes the brutes wilder The human more humane

#### HAPPINESS

Being less happy Than one's own people

#### RUNNING

Feer in the air once in a while Never on the surface together

#### WALKING

Both the legs carry the body Taking turns at bearing it

#### CLOUD

Umbrella in summer, but unavailable
Makes an umbrella in the rains unavoidable

#### MODERNGIRLS

Wear less
To be stared at

#### OF DRESSING IN MOVIES

Ladies do seem to hail from the poles Gentlemen right from the Sahara

#### TERRORISM

Dreaming up a fanciful world By destroying the real one

# THE KING OF BEASTS

Kills To live

# **HIV VIRUS**

Lives To kill

#### NEWSPAPER

Paper carries the news today
The ink turns it into scrap tomorrow

# (R)EVOLUTION

Ape that can speak is a gentleman Flesh-eating man is subhuman

# OVERDOING

Eyes that overlook are lazy Ears which overhear are crazy

#### WE

Left the Mars in the past Bound to leave for the Venus

# ANAND ROSE (India)

# **Silence**Is golden Gold is never silent

# **Prison**Some are not free For others to be free.

# Clones I am made by all I belong to none at all.

# **Soul**The only way to know me Without me.

# **Economy**Few maximise the treasures Other minimise measures.

# **Death**Beginning has an end End has no beginning

# **Time**Physicist meddle Others riddle

# Consciousness It lives outside and changes your inside

#### Tycoon

Made life by choking air Now lives on the choked air.

# Diplomacy Dear Smile at one who isnt dear.

Intelligence
An ass who bellows
at asses mellow.

# Religion Birth has an answer Death no answers

Money Valueless paper its value is more than paper

# Wise

When you know you don't know the answer

#### Kindness

An act without a motive A motive thats not an act

#### Love

A feeling with many sun's Soothes the blazing sun.

# Advertisers

Witch doctors who exorcise self by creating their selfs.

# Subjectivity Rebellion from forms Rebellion without form

Pink Floyd has no thought to control That was a thought without control

Bob Dylan blows in the wind Hippies float without wind.

Space and times deceive being to receive modes of unbeing.

# Charity

Begins at home Ends where there is no home.

#### Saint

One who feels life can never be lived.

#### Value

Being me Without anybody in theme.

# Philosophy

Every thing leads to nothing Nothing is everything

#### Critic

A person who dislikes what you like

#### Euthanasia

Mercy killing that kills mercy.

#### Freedom

Knows no end end knows no freedom

# **Know thy self** Self knows

Self knows it knows not

#### History

Peace told a story a war story

History is his story without her story

History is their story without all the stories

History is all story so we are sorry.

#### Laws

If they werent there none wouldn't have been there

Since they are there We need to care

Those who dont care are taken care

If all had their share they no longer be there

# Global citizen

Living in a nation without a hood.

# Philanthrophy

A few show they care to a majority who dont know how to care

# Conscience

You feel you don't know why you feel

#### Space

An angel sewing a thread without a thread.

Fear Smile at fear

Fear smiles

Success The more I can

the more you are without a can.

Mystic Floats into heavenly space

To end with an earthly bace.

**Prophets** Those who preach

Where they cant reach

Free will If I determine my will

The world determines it will

Nietzsche Assassinated God

For God to live

Schopenhauer The world as my idea

is not the world's idea

Ego What I am

Others are not

**Artist** Blind is the world

World, Blind the artist

Logic The more you cut

Mare it remains uncut

Metaphysics A finite Six

Becomes infinite Sixe's

**Epistemology** Knowledge of porridges

becomes knowledge porridge.

Being The more you are in

the more you are out

Aesthetics The study of beauty

without a beauty

Axiology Values

are valueless

Selfish A self without a fish

A shelf for fishes

She Ahe with an S

the S without a he

He He for she

She for He's

Zero Ahero

without a hero

Zen Something that's nothing

A nothing for something

# ANTARYAMI SAHU (India)

# PRETENTION

A lie

in the name of a truth

# **SPACE**

It's full

empty

# GOD

Knows

the unknown

# **MYENEMY**

Loves

to hate me

#### HAVE-NOTS

Possess

Poverty

# SECRECY

Invisible

to the open eyes

#### SIN

Conceives

death in her womb

#### DARKNESS

Black

light

#### EARTH

We meet

to be parted here

#### LAWYER

Turns black

# ACHAL SINHA

(India)

# DAWN

The end Marks the beginning

# URBANITY

A Civilized
Wilderness in concrete.

# **MANNERS**

Artificial Nature.

# IDEA

A flash In pensiveness.

# ALO SIRCAR (India)

#### RATTLERHYMES

Isn't there reason enough to charge reason With tutoring minds into soul-killing treason?

Money is the only thing which chatters, Where matter is the only thing which matters.

You can't talk anyone into anything, the least little bit, Unless you have talked yourself into it.

Plants are friends who never talk back: They just die and give you the sack.

Leisure brings you little pleasure, Unless it is bought with willing displeasure.

'Tis only when for yourself you are awful bore That you need wordy company to play your whore.

Always do the done thing: Considerately yell, for most can't sing.

Feminists munch men and their ways avidly ape; Soon our Eves will sulk, if we don't sue them for rape.

The Englishmen have left, why should English sell? Why should some irreverant Indians speak English unpatriotically well?

Tempests toss the *secular* Indian's cup of tea, Because the difference between indifference and reverence he can't see.

An Intellectual glutton's indigestion May spray sour vomit o'er a whole generation.

Only the strongest can true surrender wreak: The leaky souls of the weak can only leak.

Unreasoning submission to illogicality Is the lordly logic of piety.

# MOSHE BENARROCH (Israel)

# THE LAST WORDS OF THE IMMIGRANTS

The more I explain
The less I understand

# KATE DAVIS (Ireland)

#### PARADOXISM

# 1. Prejudice.

To love

To hate

2. Service.

Being proud

To be humble

3. Excuses.

Rude

**Politeness** 

# 4. House plant.

Unnatural

Nature

5. Friday.

Rushing

To stop

6. Mother cat.

Rough

Gentleness.

7. Wisdom.

Learning

You know nothing

8. Holiday.

Getting away from it all

Is exhausting

9. New leaf

Finding it's better

Not to be better

10. Patience.

Resistance is weak

Submission is strong

11. Egotist.

Grown up

Baby

# GIOVANNI MALITO

(Ireland)

# **Pottery**

Spinning a creative artifice.

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# The Big Bang

An end of the beginning.

\*

#### Chaos Science

Seeking the sense in the nonsense.

\*

# **English Democracy**

A Constitutional monarchy.

\*

# The American Dream

Free enterprise capitalism.

\*

# **Election Time**

Significance insignificance

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# Cosmology

Tackling the infinity of a finite universe.

\*

# In a burning car

The danger of safety belts.

\*

# Insurance

Ensuring a honest thieving.

#### Divots

- (1) hell fell. late date
- (2) forever endeavour, stone throw
- (3) might right, sight slight

(4) rate date, enjoy toy

(5)P sense pretense, inaction reaction

(6) deride tonight, decide fortnight

(7)
hard
bard, rings
not sings

(8) stone crow, bone sorrow

(9)P wire barbed, dire garbed

(10) guess unless, one is done

#### spectre

respect, pet

S

## crescendo

see end/ do node

## separation

in a nest not so spare a pest parts sea to air or tears spin in a spent rant

## perché

io

sono

qui

non

sono

K

perché

## Circumstance

a star must can stir me in a run at a stance in unrest set in mist cast trim circa me

## Culture

curt cult rule rue lure time cut true

## FILIPPO ANTONINO CERAOLO (Italy)

#### 1)Venere

Tremendamente imperfetta nella sua bruttezza.

#### Venus

Tremendously Imperfect in her beauty.

## 2) Sterilità

La gelida terra sotto il cocente sole.

## Sterility

The gelid ground in the burning sun.

#### 3) Armonia

Lo scrosciare festoso del muto ruscello.

## Harmony

The joyful Thunder of the brook.

#### 4) Gratitudine

Ringraziare frustando a sangue freddo.

## Thanfullness

Thank whipping in cold blood.

#### 5) Il silenzio d'oro

La quiete solenne del mare burrascoso.

#### The golden silence

The solemn peace of the stormy sea.

#### 6)Riconoscenza

Pagare con un bacio l'offesa ricevuta.

#### Gratitude

Pay with a kiss the injury received.

## 7) Allegria

Ridere a crepapelle per la violenza subita.

#### Happiness

Laugh immoderately for the violence suffered.

## 8) Città operosa

Il silenzio assordante della città moderna.

#### Active city

The deafening silence of the modern city.

#### 9) Precisione

E' sempre puntuale nel suo ritardo.

#### Precision

His always punctual in his delay.

#### 10) Destino

Essere sfortunato nella fortuna.

#### Destiny

Be Unlucky in the luck.

# PAUL GEORGELIN (Italy)

#### Contradiction

When my foreside walks backward, my backside walks forward

## Logomachy

To agree on a disagreement or disagree on an agreement

## Redouble

To contest a contestation

## ADA CÎRSTOIU (România)

#### PARADISTIHIA

ABANDON M-a cunoscut azi

M-a părăsit ieri

ABIS Drum întredeschis

Spre negru vis

VIZIUNE Mă uit la soare și-l văd

Negru

INSOMNIE Nu pot dormi

Din cauza căscatului

PICTURĂ Pată colorată

În tablou incolor

IDEAL Nu acceptați idei greșite

Decât dacă vi se potrivesc

PUTERE Popularitatea d-voastră scade

Proporțional cu înălțimea altora

MĂRGINIRE Totu-i limitat

De infinit

**SFAT** Vi s-au înfundat urechile?

Desfundați-le cu mâna goală.

MAMĂ Nu orice român știe

Cine-i mama lui.

PURITATE S-a făcut "alb

ca varul"

A DA Cere și

nu ți se va da

STUDIU Citesc tot textul

Dar nu-i văd cuvintele

PARADOX Dai

N-ai

## IGOR MIKHAILUSENKO (Russia)

## **STARS**

A starry home, Not ON SALE so far.

#### RUSSIA

A country in hunger A hope for a future.

#### FRIEND

The same everywhere Always in search for one.

#### LOVE

A arrow into the heart Sweetness in memory.

#### TRUTH

Still a reality
Even if one doesn't belive.

#### **OPTIMIST**

Even if there is no hope He hopes.

#### **PANACEA**

Love A bitter-sweet feeling.

## JUAN DONCEL RIOS (Spain)

AVARO AVARICIOUS

En sus riquezas, In his riches, pobre. poor.

CIEGO BLIND

Un obscuro, A dark, claro porvenir. clear future.

LUNA MOON

Obsérvala, alumbra Notice it, it lights sin luz. Notice it, it lights

PAN BREAD

Pan, vida; Bread, life;

pan, pan, muerte. "pan", "pan", death.

ESPAGÑA SPAIN

Noble y bella, Noble and beauty, brava, "piel de toro". brave, "skin of bull".

SUERTE LUCK

Si la buscas, If you seek it, no la encuentras. you do not find it.

TIEMPO TIME

Cura despacio, It cures slowly, va rápido. It passes quickly.

EN LA CIENCIA IN THE SCIENCE

El saber mucho, Know a lot, es saber de pocos. to know a littles.

COMER EAT

Quien antes he harta, Who before satiated, después se levanta. after raises.

ENFERMO ILL

Un dolor fuerte, A strong pain, nos hace débil. turn us weak.

MARCHA MARCH

Quien anda poco, Who walks a little, tarda más en llegar. delays more to arrive.

EN LA CAMA IN THE BED

Quien mejor duerme, Who sleeps better, peor se levanta. it raises worst.

EN EL TRABAJO IN THE JOB

Quien más trabaja, Who works more, menos gana. it earns less.

A LA MUERTE TO THE DEATH

Si la llamas, If you call it, no viene. If doesn't come.

LOCURA MADNESS

No son algunos, Are not somebody, somos todos. Are everybody.

**DEPRESSION DEPRESSION** 

Mal estado, Bad condition, en buenas manos. in good hands.

JIMENA JIMENA

Un voluntario, A voluntary, obligado a parar. obliged to stop.

ANDALUCIA ANDALUCIA

Mi pequeña My small gran cuna. great cradle.

SUPERFICIE SURFACE

Lo que sube, That goes up, baja. comes down.

MUERTE DEATH

Viene It comes cuando non la llamas. when you do not call it.

INDECISION INDECISION

Cuanto más lo piensas, As much as you think something,

menos te decides. you less decide it.

EN LA CARRERA IN A COURSE

Quien menos corre, Who runs less, más tarde llega. more late arrives.

POLITICO POLITIC

Ofrece mucho, He offers a lot
Da poco. and gives little.

DINERO MONEY

Muchisimo So much

siempre es poco. always is little.

SOÑAR DREAM

Un mal sueño, A bad dream,

es una buena experiencia. is a good experience.

# JUAN AZPITARTE ROUSSE (Spain)

Ilumina un mundo Sombra en el mundo.

Lighten a world
Shadow in the world.

Faro en el mar Oscuridad en el alma.

Lighthouse in the sea Darkness in the soul.

## RONALD DON (USA)

#### PARROT

Under the Holly Ghost his tongue hard and blue

#### INTERPRETATION

Up there a rainbow has seven frowns

#### LUCK

We observe now joy pulled inside out

#### JOY

It's not the worst of days It's not the worst of things

## RECOLLECTION

The dull end of a razor.

#### INFORMATION

Hot food passed down until it's cold

#### REGRET

The favorite emotion of the incredibly priviliged

#### **PARADOX**

Two birds meet head-on keep flying

#### **HOLY GHOST**

Behind the parrot's mouth something lay after all

#### **SADNESS**

The tiniest version in the world of the largest thing there is

#### DISCONTENT

Every piece on the chess board is a king

## THE WORST THING IN THE WORLD

The silent half of every conversation

#### SUFFERING

Imagine yourself somebody else then you can't

#### RELIGION

That which doesn't exist without itself

## DYING

It's watching a person die through the other end of the telescope

## SILENCE

The ear's way of seeing the lights turned out

#### YES

I want to know how I will die so I can make ready with the umbrella

## JOHN GREY (USA)

## BACK SEAT OF THE CAR

silent conversation

#### TRIED BY THE PRESS

guilty until proven guilty

## THE WAR ON TV

live death

## SELF-FULFILLING PROPHECY

unintended intention

## MAD WORLD

you'd be crazy to be sane

# KAREN JULIG LAVEN (USA)

## DENIAL

Doesn't exist Unless you pretend it does

## **EDITOR**

Writer

Eraser

## DERIK LUPTAK (USA)

#### TV STATIC

revolution is constantly switching channels

#### TWEET

song of the Warbler tangled in split-second lusts

#### CATHEDRAL

stained glass last supper in eerie silence jumbotron anime in delicate noise of Tokyo

#### CHRISTIANITY

kill yourself open petals and breathe

#### PRAYER

satellite dish sending signals

#### SERMON

the meek shall inherit a world that was created by ego

#### GOODBYE

enter bathroom exit universe

#### SANE

rearrange madness find clarity between the cracks

## SMALL PENIS

less than you want more than I can give

## SALVATION

when the rhythm comes the dancer stops

## COLLEEN REDMAN (USA)

#### **OPEN MARRIAGE**

United United

#### **SLOGAN**

If we all got more erotic We wouldn't be so neurotic

#### **CRITTERS**

The plural of pet is pests

## INFINITY

Never for Ever

## **FENCES**

On the defence or off fense

#### SACRIFICE

Massacred Mass sacred

#### **FLUIDS**

Se men Men se

## JANE STUART (USA)

## NO SOUND

Too much noise In little bangs

## CERTAINTY

Being right Twice

#### A LAME DUCK

Flying On skinless wings

#### DAYLIGHT

Something left From last night

## PRESENCE

Not awakened Stabilty

## RAW FUTURE

An awakened Instability

## CAR AHEAD

Lights in Rear-view mirror

## "SHUT UP"

The cruelty Of kitchens

#### KLEENEX

Wipes noses With knows

## A LOOSE GIRDLE

Doesn't fit Anyone

## EDEN REMEMBERED

Wasn't there, Is now

## HIGH-HEEL SLIPPERS

Clomp, clomp Ugh - fell

## GERALD ZIPPER (USA)

LOVE the pain that's joy

**DESERT**parched sand
bloom rare flowers

WORLDLY little knowledge fools fools

CITIES cold towers purge warm hearts

SUBWAY TRAINS speed slowly

MOVIES fake reality

TV clever witlessness slick crude

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In 1980's a new movement of avant-garde arised in literature, art, philosophy and science. This is based on an excessive use of antinomies, antitheses, contradictions, oxymorous, paradoxes in the creative work at both small level and global level of the creative work.

The goal is the enlargement of the artistic sphere through non-artistic elements. But especially the against-the-hair, counter-time, counter-sense creation. Also, to experiment.

The paradoxism started as an anti-totalitarian protest against a closed society, Romania 1980's, where the whole culture was manipulated by a small group. Only their ideas and their publications counted. We couldn't publish almost anything.

Then, I said: Let's do literature... without doing literature! Let's write... without actually writer anything. How? Simply: object-literature! < The fly of a bird>, for example, represents a natural poem, that is not necessary to write down, being more palpable and perceptible in any language than some signs layed on the paper, which, in fact, represent an artificial poem: deformed, resulted from a translation by the observant of the observed, and by the translation one falsifies.

Florentin Smarandache